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In Chicago, prices were unchanged. Prices in New York were 1 cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the lighter weights. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone ranged at least steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for present needs. Breaking stock supplies were short to about sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for reduced slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady. Retail demand was still fairly good to good in most locations. Institutional movement was moderate to good. Supplies were in close balance for current needs. Central states nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher. Offerings continued tight for the mostly good demand. Schedules were mixed as breakers attempted to limit production when possible in order to secure additional heavy weight product. Floor stocks adequate to barely adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 57-64 | 56-60 |
| LARGE | 55-63 | 57-61 |
| MEDIUM | 49-55 | 52-55 |

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

| | RANGE |
|--|-------|
| LARGE | 40-44 |
| MEDIUM | 32-34 |
| SMALL | 12-16 |
| MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA | |

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices higher on all sizes when compared to previous week pricing. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were short to about adequate for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen availability was fully adequate for less than normal slaughter schedules.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 62-75 | 65-68 |
| LARGE | 57-72 | 62-64 |
| MEDIUM | 51-66 | 56-58 |

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment at least steady. Retail demand continued moderate to mostly good, with re-fill orders reported as strong after the holiday weekend. Institutional movement was fairly good to good. Supplies were in close balance for current needs.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 65.5-74 |
| LARGE | 61.5-70 |
| MEDIUM | 52.5-60 |

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week pricing. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies ranged adequate to close for current needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good for short to about sufficient supplies. Light type fowl were fully adequate for reduced slaughter schedules.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 58-72 | 67-70 |
| LARGE | 55-70 | 64-68 |
| MEDIUM | 51.5-59 | 53-56 |

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices advanced 1 cent on heavier weight eggs following Memorial holiday weekend, however mediums were unchanged. The market tone on larger sizes was fully steady, mediums were steady. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where features were planned or in place. Supplies were usually sufficient to close balanced for trade needs.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 72-76 |
| LARGE | 70-74 |
| MEDIUM | 63-67 |

CHICAGO Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand ranged was moderate to good, best into feature activity. Supplies in balance to at times tight for current needs.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 63-69 |
| LARGE | 61-67 |
| MEDIUM | 53-59 |

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WESTERN Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo, 6-7 cents higher on extra large, 6 cents higher on large, and 2-3 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 7% higher than last week with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 21%. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 6 cents higher on large, and 2 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last week. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings started the week in better balance. Small benchmark price 68. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 179, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 176.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 108 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 104 |
| LARGE | 97 |
| MEDIUM | 88 |

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | | NORTHERN CALIFORNIA | |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | RANGE | | RANGE |
| JUMBO | 259-339 | JUMBO | 255-339 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 249-319 | EXTRA LARGE | 239-319 |
| LARGE | 209-229 | LARGE | 215-259 |
| MEDIUM | 199 | MEDIUM | 189-215 |

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 30, 2003 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 23, 2003 were 222,118 cases which was 7 percent above the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 178,038 | 44,080 | 222,118 |
| % change from the prior week..... | +9 | +1 | +7 |

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run prices ranged unchanged to higher. Offerings continued tight with demand mostly good. Many breakers were uncomfortable with current inventories and were attempting to limit production where possible in an attempt to secure additional heavy nest runs. Floor stocks adequate to barely adequate. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN. **RANGE**

NEST RUN 41-43
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 27-32

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair at best for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-MAY-03. **RANGE MAJORITY WTD**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 5-9.5 7-8.5 7.91

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were sufficient for a moderate call for finished product. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-MAY-03 **RANGE MAJORITY WTD**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 5.25-11.25 7.75-8.25 8.08

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 26, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | | NO | SO | SO | 5-Area | |
|--------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Northeast | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific | | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 10.0 | 14.9 | 4.2 | 9.4 | 12.4 | 50.9 |
| | Change | 0.4 | 3.2 | -1.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 9% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 21.3 | 40.8 | 11.6 | 18.2 | 32.1 | 124.0 |
| | Change | -0.9 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 4% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 38.6 | 77.4 | 53.5 | 75.9 | 95.4 | 340.8 |
| | Change | -11.3 | -3.0 | -11.6 | 6.1 | 12.9 | -2% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 8.4 | 37.0 | 18.0 | 21.9 | 37.1 | 122.4 |
| | Change | -3.4 | -3.6 | 0.7 | -4.0 | -0.4 | -8% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 4.4 | 4.6 | 1.6 | 7.0 | 5.7 | 23.3 |
| | Change | 0.5 | -1.1 | -1.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | -7% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 5.8 | 22.8 | 7.9 | 13.6 | 5.7 | 55.8 |
| | Change | 0.8 | 0.4 | -1.0 | 1.0 | -0.4 | 1% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 8.5 | 25.3 | 20.0 | 25.2 | 25.2 | 104.2 |
| | Change | -2.7 | 3.4 | 1.7 | -0.5 | -1.9 | 0% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 97.0 | 222.8 | 116.8 | 171.2 | 213.6 | 821.4 |
| Percent | Change | -15% | 0% | -9% | 3% | 7% | -1% |
| TOTAL | | Number of Cases | | Percent Change | | Number of Cooperators | |

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| Shell Egg | 821.4 | -1% | 172 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/ | 260.0 | 3% | 36 |

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------|----|-----|
| Total Shell Egg | 1,081.4 | 0% | 208 |
|-----------------|---------|----|-----|

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

| | NO | SO | SO | 5-AREA |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| NORTHEAST | CENT | CENT | ATL | PACIFIC SUMMARY |
| 113.6 | 223.1 | 128.3 | 165.9 | 199.4 830.3 |

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2003

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 195.2 | 192.1 | 183.1 | 114.6 |

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 12, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 151 | 151 | 141 | 77 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 22, 2003

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | | | | | | TOTAL LOADS | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|---------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 27.75 | | | | | | | | 14.25 | | | | | | | | 42.00 | | | | | | | |
| SE | | | | NE | | MW | | LOADS | | SC | | NW | | SW | | LOADS | | | | | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | | | | | | | | |
| GNR W 1 | 48.00 | 50.00 | | — | — | — | — | 7.00 | GL W J | 56.00 | — | — | — | — | 63.00 | | 1.00 | | | | | | |
| GL W XL | — | — | | 54.50 | 56.67 | 51.70 | — | 11.50 | GL W XL | 54.38 | 57.00 | — | — | 57.00 | 60.86 | | 9.00 | | | | | | |
| GL W LG | — | — | | — | — | — | — | 2.25 | GL W LG | 53.50 | 56.20 | — | — | 55.80 | 58.80 | | 3.50 | | | | | | |
| GL W MD | 47.50 | — | | 47.00 | 50.50 | — | 52.00 | 6.00 | GL W MD | 46.00 | 47.55 | — | — | — | 51.00 | | 3.75 | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 45 | 38.33 | — | | — | — | — | 40.33 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/20/03-05/26/03

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | | TOTAL LOADS | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-----|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 64.00 | | | | | | | | 44.75 | | | | 108.75 | | | | | |
| SE | | NE | | MW | | | | SC | | NW | | SW | | | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | | |
| LOADS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GNR W 1 | 48.00 | 48.92 | 45.00 | 46.00 | — | — | 17.00 | GL W J | 56.00 | — | — | — | — | 64.35 | 3.00 | | |
| GNR W 3 | — | 37.50 | — | — | 34.00 | — | 1.00 | GL W XL | 54.20 | 57.00 | — | — | 57.00 | 61.02 | 17.00 | | |
| GNR W 4 | — | — | 20.00 | 22.00 | — | — | 1.00 | GL W LG | 51.83 | 57.00 | — | — | 55.31 | 58.64 | 16.00 | | |
| GL W J | — | — | 60.00 | 62.00 | 52.00 | — | 3.00 | GL W MD | 44.91 | 47.55 | — | — | — | 50.48 | 10.00 | | |
| GL W XL | — | 59.71 | 53.50 | 56.22 | 52.47 | 57.00 | 31.50 | GL W SM | — | — | — | — | — | 31.50 | 1.00 | | |
| GL W LG | — | 56.20 | 51.17 | 52.33 | 51.96 | 51.00 | 19.25 | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL W MD | 47.50 | — | 48.57 | 50.00 | 48.40 | 48.00 | 12.25 | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | 29.38 | 31.38 | 28.50 | — | — | — | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 50 | — | — | — | 41.00 | — | — | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | 40.00 | 41.00 | 41.08 | 22.50 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 45 | 38.33 | — | — | — | — | 40.33 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | — | — | 19.00 | 21.00 | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 39 | — | — | 17.00 | 19.00 | — | 30.50 | 1.50 | | | | | | | | | | |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

| ON HAND | 05/19/03 | 05/12/03 | 05/20/02 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 95 | 243 | 500 |
| LOS ANGELES | 51 | 195 | 470 |

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on smalls and higher on the balance. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| MOSTLY | |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 81.95 |
| LARGE | 78.26 |
| MEDIUM | 71.27 |
| SMALL | 54.27 |

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 05/11/03-05/17/03
30-dozen case 6668

Receipts from the mainland: 05/04/03-05/10/03
30-dozen case 6880

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